Conference of Power Ministers

2752. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had called a conference of the State power ministers to discuss about the slippages in the capacity addition in the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the problems being faced by various State Government's in commissioning new power plants and the steps being taken to solve the problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Conference of Power Ministers of States was held on 15th November, 2009 at New Delhi to discuss following issues:-

(v) Capacity Addition;

(vi) Open Access;

(vii) Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana; and

(viii) Re-structured APDRP.

After detailed discussion, a Resolution was adopted at the end of the conference incorporating the steps to be taken to expedite progress in Capacity Addition and facilitate implementation of RGGVY, R-APDRP and Open Access.

Ministry of Power has been actively interacting with and monitoring through meetings/discussions with BHEL as well as with State Power Utilities regularly, to expedite commissioning of new power plants as per schedule and to prevent slippages.

Power allocation to Kerala

2753. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken any measures to allot a share from unallocated quota of power from the central power generating stations for Kerala;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to restore special allocation from Talcher II to 180 MW for the State; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The unallocated power in Central Generating Stations (CGSs), kept at the disposal of the Government, is allocated on a dynamic basis to meet the seasonal and overall requirement of States/UTs. The quantum of this power being fixed and limited, enhancement in allocation to one or more State(s)/UT(s) is carried out by equivalent reduction in the allocation of other beneficiaries. There is no specific share of unallocated power allocated to any state.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view the request of Government of Kerala for allocation of 180 MW cheaper power for pooling with the power of Kayamkulam Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Plant, 180 MW power from the unallocated power of Talcher STPS-II was allocated to Kerala on 29.10.2005, for the above purpose, which was subsequently renewed *vide* order dated 16th May, 2007. While the

allocation of unallocated power to Kerala and other states/UT of the region have been reviewed and revised from time to time to meet the seasonal and emergent demands of States/UTs, Kerala is being continued with 168 MW to 173 MW allocation of unallocated power from CGSs of the Southern Region at present.

During November, 2009, Kerala was having 1.3 % energy shortage and 1.1 % of peak shortage, which was lowest in the Southern Region. Further, during the current financial year (April - November, 2009), Kerala has scheduled its full entitlement in Telcher-II STPS but the scheduling of Kayamkulam Power has been of the order of 76% of the entitlement.

Projects underway

†2754. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the projects out of 925 on going projects costing Rs.20 crores or more, which are running as per the stipulated schedule;

(b) the departments and Ministries to which these projects belong to; and

(c) the amount spent on these projects till March, 2009 and its percentage to the total cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As on 30.06.2009, out of 951 Central Sector projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above on the monitor of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation, 216 projects are running as per the stipulated schedule. Out of these 16 projects are ahead of schedule. These projects belong to Atomic Energy, Civil Aviation, Coal, Steel, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Power, Road Transport and Highways, Railways, Shipping & Ports, Telecommunication and Urban Development Sectors. On the basis of information provided by project authorities, as on 30.06.2009, an amount of Rs.40,381 crore has been spent on these projects. The expenditure incurred is 21.29% of the original cost of Rs. 189,660 crore on these projects.

Infrastructure projects in Andhra Pradesh

2755. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of different infrastructure projects costing Rs.20 crore and above running behind the original approved schedule in the State;

(b) the original cost of the above projects, project-wise; and

(c) the reasons for cost and time overrun of the above projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Out of 73 Infrastructure projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh costing Rs. 20 crore and above on the monitor of this Ministry, 33 projects are running behind original approved schedule. Details of original cost and the reasons for cost and time overruns project-wise is given in the statement.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.